

no fewer than ten Jews. In this connection may be mentioned another conversion which took place in solemn form. The rector of the North American College received into the Church Mr. Adolphus Ruppel of Hamburg, a merchant who has large connections in the United States. The ceremony was attended by large number of Americans. Many Germans were likewise present.

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A London despatch says :— To the astonishment of every one, and to the delight of the Duke of Norfolk, his only son and heir, whose early boyhood was marred by imbecility, deafness, dumbness and blindness, as well as by physical weakness in other respects, and who was universally pronounced altogether beyond the reach of medical science, appears to be shaking off and growing out of the various ailments by which he has been so sorely afflicted. He is recovering sight, intelligence and physical strength, the progress in this respect having been so rapid and so phenomenal that the young Earl of Arundel is able to take long tricycle rides along the public roads in the neighborhood of Wimbledon common, where he spent the winter in a beautiful house taken for him by his devoted father. The latter ascribes the transformation worked in his only son exclusively to divine intervention, and as a response by Providence to the numerous pilgrimages which he has undertaken with the poor boy to Lourdes, as well as to the prayers of Pope Leo, and of good Catholics in all parts of the world.

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Now that Leo XIII has entered upon the twentieth year of his spiritual reign, some of our Protestant contemporaries are recalling the story of a vision which indicated that this Pontiff would hold office for twenty years and no more. They seem to think that if the visionary's prediction should be fulfilled that some great disaster would come to the Catholic Church. They forget that the Pope never dies.

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